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SUBJECT: FORMER MAYOR OF JERUSALEM PROTESTS ALLEGED ISRAELI
PLAN TO ANNEX 30 PERCENT OF WEST BANK

1. DAILY AD-DUSTOUR JUNE 1 PRINTED LENGTHY MEMORAN-
DUM SENT BY FORMER MAYOR OF ARAB JERUSALEM RAWHY
AL-KHATIB (RESIDENT IN AMMAN) TO AMMAN-BASED ROYAL
COMMISSION FOR AFFAIRS OF JERUSALEM, HEADED BY
AHMAD TOUQAN. MEMO, WHICH KHATIB CLAIMS IS BASED
ON "REPORTS IN THREE JEWISH NEWSPAPERS" (DAVAR HAS BEEN
IDENTIFIED TO EMBASSY) ALLEGES ISRAELI PLAN TO ANNEX AREA OF LAND
AROUND JERUSALEM CONTAINING NINE ARAB CITIES (BIREH, RAMALLAH,
BETUNIA, DEIR DIBWAN, HEBRON, BETHLEHEM, BEIT JALA,
BEIT SAHOUR, AND KHALHOU) AND 60 VILLAGES. MAP OF AREA
COMPRISING 30 PER CENT OF AREA OF WEST BANK AND
IS "POPULATED BY 250,000 PEOPLE" HAS BEEN PRINTED LOCALLY
KHATIB STATED THAT PURPOSE OF PLAN IS TO EXPAND AREA OF OCCUPIED
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JERUSALEM, AND IN MEMO HE APPEALS FOR DEFEAT OF

PLOT. FURTHER DETAILS CONTAINED IN MEMO, INCLUDING
MAP, BEING POUCHED TO ADDRESSEES.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT IN CONVERSATION WITH VISITING
BRITISH STATESMAN LORD CARADON JUNE 2, AHMAD TOUQAN
EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN OVER PLAN WHICH CARADON LATER REFLECTED
TO AMBASSADOR. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS JERUSALEM AND
TEL AVIV HAVE ON PLAN, INCLUDING DEGREE OF SERIOUSNESS WITH
WHICH GOI IS PURSUING IT.
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